

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 17

**A G E N D A R E P O R T**

DATE September 7, 2004

ITEM Award Bid – North Entry Landscaping Phase I CTEP Project, O.F. 1306.4

INITIATED BY Public Works/Park & Recreation/City-County Planning Departments

ACTION REQUESTED Award Bid

PRESENTED BY Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY Andrew Finch, CTEP Coordinator

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the City Commission approve the following motion.

**MOTION:**

“I move the City Commission award the bid for the North Entry Landscaping-Phase I project to Wadsworth Builders in the amount of \$100,215 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents contingent upon State Department of Transportation concurrence.”

**PROJECT TITLE:** NORTH ENTRY LANDSCAPING-PHASE I, O.F. 1306.4

**LOW BID AMOUNT:** \$100,215

**RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR:** Wadsworth Builders

**ARCHITECT’S ESTIMATE:** \$140,718.40

**BUDGETED FUNDS:** \$154,600

**FUNDING SOURCES:** 86.58% Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) funds, matched by 13.42% City funds

**BACKGROUND:**

A bid opening to provide a lighted, landscaped “Welcome to Great Falls” sign at the intersection of Old Havre Highway and 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE was held on June 18, 2004. This beautification project was intended to also include installation of roadside shrubs, trees and planting beds along a portion of 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE near the intersection, and along the Old Havre Highway south to 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. However, the low bid for this work was nearly \$50,000 above the budgeted construction amount.

Subsequently, the City Commission rejected the bids and authorized the project to be re-bid with a reduced scope of work. The majority of the roadside landscaping was removed from the project in order to fund the main feature – the Welcome sign and associated improvements.

After re-advertising, a bid opening was held on August 25, 2004 with four bidders responding. A summary of bids is Attachment A to this Agenda Report. The low bid of \$100,215 is \$40,503.40 (29%) below the Architect’s conservative estimate of \$140,718.40, and below the budgeted construction amount.

Attachment: Bid Tabulation Summary

cc: Jon Thompson, Natural Resources Manager; Dave Dobbs, City Engineer

# Attachment A

## BID TABULATION

### PROJECT

STPE 5299(62)  
 NORTH ENTRY LSCAPING-Phase I  
 Control No. 5217  
 O.F. 1306.4

### OPENING INFORMATION

Date: August 25, 2004  
 Time: 3:00 PM  
 Place: Rainbow Room  
 Civic Center, Great Falls MT

	Bidder (Name/Address)	Envelope Info.	Federal Proposal	Addendum Acknowl.	Compliance w/Insurance	DBE Schedule	Bid Bond	Bid Amount	Notes
1	Boland Well Systems, Inc.	X	X	N/A	X	X Bidder List X	10%	\$ 149,725.00	
2	Greenup Lawn & Sprinklers	X	X	N/A	X	X Bidder List X	10%	\$ 128,856.00	
3	Wadsworth Builders	X	X	N/A	X	X Bidder List X	10%	\$ 100,215.00	
4	Williamson Fencing & Sprinklers	X	X	N/A	X	X Bidder List X	10%	\$ 131,762.00	
5						Bidder List			
6						Bidder List			
7						Bidder List			
	Architect's Estimate							\$ 140,718.40	